

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JACOB SIEGERT

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Jacob Siegert of Littleton, CO. Mr. Siegert has been accepted to the People to People World Leadership Forum here in our Nation's Capitol. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the People to People program founded by President Eisenhower in 1956.

Mr. Siegert has displayed academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential. All students chosen for the program have been identified and nominated by educators.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in paying tribute to Jacob Siegert, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of GrafTech International upon the celebration of its 50th anniversary.

Beginning in 1956, GrafTech, with its global headquarters in Parma, OH, has led its industry in research, development and testing of graphite and carbon science. Through GrafTech's 50 years of dedicated work, the company boasts nearly 700 patents and new technologies. In 2003, GrafTech was named a National Chemical Landmark for its work on the discovery and development of carbon fibers. This great research scopes the discovery of carbon fibers to new graphite materials for fuel cells.

GrafTech has been recognized 11 times as the recipient of the R&D 100 awards. GrafTech employs 3,800 workers in 13-state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities spanning 4 continents and serving over 80 countries. With its global headquarters located in Parma, OH, and more than 100 years of manufacturing excellence in Lakewood, OH, GrafTech International provides nearly 300 jobs for the area and has been recognized for significant job creation in Northeast Ohio. I am proud that this great company is located in my congressional district.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the 50-year anniversary of GrafTech International. GrafTech has served as a pioneer in its industry. I wish GrafTech International continued years of success and offer my thanks in providing many northeast Ohioans with a great workplace.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK AND THE EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS OF PICKERING MANOR

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Assisted Living Week as a time to honor the doctors, employees and the residents they serve in assisted living facilities across the county. This year's theme of "Hearts In Harmony," properly expresses the shared desire of everyone in the assisted living community to deliver care in a respectful and loving manner to the residents and the families they serve.

Today, I want to take a moment to honor the great work that the nurses and staff of Pickering Manor, an independent living facility in Newtown, PA, do every day to honor this theme and enhance the lives of senior citizens throughout my district.

Pickering Manor was opened in 1963 through the great generosity of H. Russell Pickering, who bequeathed his residence fortune for the creation of a facility to serve the older citizens of Newtown, PA, and its surrounding communities. This unique non-profit facility is located in historic Newtown in beautiful Bucks County, PA, and is owned and operated by the Community Welfare Council of Newtown. Even after extensive growth, Pickering Manor continues to be funded solely by its residents and contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the community.

It is easy to see that Pickering Manor takes great pride in its ability to provide a comfortable and friendly atmosphere throughout its full spectrum of services, which ranges from independent living to highly skilled nursing. The facility provides its residents with a variety of independent living choices. Pickering Manor offers 24 apartments and 10 landscaped cottages for its residents to choose from. This variety, combined with its well manicured grounds and a multitude of activities ensures that Pickering Manor's residents have a beautiful place to live and interact with friends and family.

The generosity of H. Russell Pickering in bequeathing his home and his treasure to create a place where his neighbors could call home is a testament to the American character and our ideals of compassion and civic involvement. His legacy lives on at Pickering Manor.

The idea that we may need long-term or personal care as we get older is not something many of us think about on a day-to-day basis. However, it is something we must all plan for as we grow older. It is good to know that there are places like Pickering Manor and the people who staff it that embody the idea of this year's theme and the ideals behind National Assisted Living Week.

HONORING ALL AMERICAN POST COMMANDER THOMAS RONAYNE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the dedication of my constituent, Thomas Ronayne. As commander of Post 1469 in Huntington Station, he has devoted himself to the betterment of life for veterans on Long Island. In fact, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States honored Thomas Ronayne as an All American Post Commander last month. This is one of the most esteemed titles within the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

Commander Ronayne is one of only 101 VFW post commanders around the world to be designated with this prestigious honor. With his hard work ethic, Ronayne has increased membership and services provided at Post 1469 in Huntington Station, NY. I am pleased to say that he has also contributed to the flourishing involvement in VFW programs on Long Island.

It is an honor to have All American Commander Thomas Ronayne working and living in the Second Congressional District of New York. He has dedicated his entire life to serving his country and I am grateful for his service. We should all be so lucky to have citizens like Thomas Ronayne in our districts.

I hope you will join me in applauding Commander Ronayne for his dedication to the VFW, his country and particularly Post 1469.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE SILVESTRI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respect and tribute to Mr. George Silvestri, who passed away on July 6 at the age of 87.

George Silvestri was born in Youngstown, OH in 1919 and graduated from East High School. After high school George served in the U.S. Army under General Patton for 4 years and earned the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After his discharge in 1945, he returned home to Youngstown and soon after married Elvira DeCato.

George applied his experience serving his country to serving the Mahoning Valley by forming a construction company with his brothers, Frank and Anthony. The Silvestri Brothers Construction Company later expanded to a number of different companies that focused on a wider range of development and construction.

These construction companies contributed to some of the most well known projects in the 17th District, such as the Delphi Packard plant

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in Warren, the GM Assembly plant in Lordstown, and General Electric in Ravenna. In addition to these sites, the Silvestri Brothers's companies were instrumental in developing and building interstates and expressways throughout the Mahoning Valley, as well as western Pennsylvania.

Aside from these larger endeavors, Mr. Silvestri and his brothers developed sewer and water line projects, as well as residential development in and around the Youngstown area. This small- and large-scale infrastructure was crucial to the growing economy of the Mahoning Valley. His companies laid not only the foundation for businesses and transportation throughout the 17th District, but also for future entrepreneurs in the Mahoning Valley.

A member of the Ohio Contractors Association, the Trumbull County Builders Association, and the National Italian American Federation, George Silvestri retired in 1984. Mr. Silvestri's legacy in the Mahoning Valley will live on through his work and the many people who have benefited from his contributions. I am honored to have represented George Silvestri and he will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO SYDNEY STREICHER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Sydney Streicher of Centennial, CO. Ms. Streicher has been accepted to the People to People World Leadership Forum here in our Nation's Capitol. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the People to People program founded by President Eisenhower in 1956.

Ms. Streicher has displayed academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential. All students chosen for the program have been identified and nominated by educators.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in paying tribute to Ms. Streicher, and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF YES! ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Yes! A Journal of Positive Futures, as it celebrates 10 years of innovative journalism exploring the possibilities for peace and environmental justice in our world. Yes! is more than just a magazine, it is a catalyst for positive social action, encouraging its readers to actively take part in the global movement for a more harmonious and sustainable world.

Yes! magazine is a quarterly journal produced by the Positive Futures Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the collective power of individual and community efforts worldwide to bring healing, justice, and peace to all sectors of our society. In 1996 Yes! Magazine was founded to promote the belief

that profound change is needed to save our society from an unsustainable path. Printed on recycled paper and available online, this ad-free alternative news source embodies the sustainable and inclusive lifestyle it advocates. Distributed worldwide, Yes! Magazine is a growing phenomenon that has tripled its subscriptions in the past 3 years alone. In 2001, Yes! A Journal of Positive Futures received the Utne Magazines Alternative Press Award for Best Cultural Coverage.

In addition to saying "No!" to the dominant trends of violence and oppression, this journal shouts a resounding "Yes!" for creative and constructive alternatives. Each issue addresses a specific concern within the fields of social, economic, and environmental justice, identifying innovative scientific and cultural solutions. Yes! Magazine serves as a tool to unite the activists of different peace movements by reporting on the grassroots efforts of ordinary individuals creating extraordinary transformations across the board and challenging readers with a call to action.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and tribute to Yes! A Journal of Positive Futures for 10 years of meaningful journalism proving that peace is not only possible, but practical as well.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL BUCKS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Central Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Since its establishment in 1946, the Central Bucks Chamber has served a vibrant community of small businesses and it has helped promote an atmosphere that has made Southeast Pennsylvania one of the best areas for economic investment in the State of Pennsylvania.

The Central Bucks Chamber was founded in 1946 by a group of 12 area businessmen. In 1971, with great foresight, they hired an ad man from New York, Don F. Whitney, to serve as their Executive Director. Don Whitney not only brought his experience in advertising to bear to heighten the profile of Central Bucks to businesses, but he also brought his love for Bucks County, his new home.

With an outsider's eye and an insider's love of the region, Don F. Whitney, forged over a unique vision of the Chamber over 27 years, growing the Chamber from its original 12 members to over 2,600 businesses.

Today, with a membership of 2,600 and growing, the Central Bucks Chamber is second only in the region after the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. The Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce continues to forge strong alliances between business and culture, profit and non-profit, and between established and emerging businesses. This synergy provides a dynamic mission for the Chamber's membership and they continue to exceed expectations.

To do business in Bucks County, membership in the Central Bucks Chamber of Com-

merce is an essential and powerful tool. With each new membership added to its rolls, the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce will continue to create the foundation for a successful business environment in Bucks County, assuring economic opportunity, jobs and a better life for all of its residents.

Congratulations on 60 wonderful years.

REMEMBERING U.S. ARMY SPC JOSE L. RUIZ

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, U.S. Army SPC Jose L. Ruiz made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on August 15, 2005 while conducting security operations in Mosul, Iraq. SPC Ruiz who served in the Army's 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, also known as the Stryker Brigade Team, was killed by enemy forces using small arms fire shot from a passing vehicle. Brave Americans like SPC Ruiz are the reason that our country has been able to overcome adversity throughout its history.

SPC Ruiz was inspired to join the military following the attacks by terrorists on our Nation on September 11, 2001. In a phone conversation with his wife shortly before his death, SPC Ruiz said that he felt like he had fulfilled his duty as a soldier and was proud to be defending his country. Sadly, SPC Ruiz was scheduled to return home just 6 weeks after his death.

Raised in Brentwood, New York, SPC Ruiz went on to graduate from Brentwood High School in my district and then the New York Institute of Technology before joining the Army. Ruiz was devoted to his education, his family and his country.

The courage of SPC Ruiz is a testament to the dedication of our young soldiers. He is survived by his parents, Eduardo and Juliana King, his wife of 6 years Alexa, and his baby daughter, Liana. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to his family and thank SPC Ruiz for his selfless devotion to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 461, on Ordering the Previous Question providing for the consideration of the bills (H.R. 4830) Border Tunnel Prevention Act of 2006, (H.R. 6094) Community Protection Act of 2006 and (H.R. 6095) Immigration Law Enforcement Act of 2006, I am not recorded, due to an injury I sustained the night of September 19, 2006 and my subsequent visit to the hospital this morning. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 462, on Agreeing to the Resolution providing for the consideration of the bills (H.R. 4830) Border Tunnel Prevention Act of 2006, (H.R. 6094) Community Protection Act of 2006 and (H.R. 6095)